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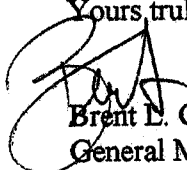
Gentlemen:

At last Thursday's meeting of the Bulletin 160-03 Advisory Committee, I questioned the Strategy Investment Options Table, The California Water Plan Volume 1 – Strategic Plan, with regard to the **Demand Reduction**, Agricultural Use Efficiency, 0.3 – 0.6 MAF per year. The footnote states, "Bay-Delta Program estimates for 2000 level of demand and Bay-Delta Program Solution Area only." My understanding is that the Solution Area pertains to the San Joaquin Valley. I believed that the figure should have been 0.3 MAF as per studies conducted by Dr. Robert Hagan, UC Davis, report entitled, Agricultural Water Conservation in California, With Emphasis on the San Joaquin Valley, October 1982.

I reviewed this document following the meeting and found, stated in his conclusions, "A savings of about 2% of the state's water applied to agriculture conserves only approximately 0.65 MAF, an amount that alone is insufficient to meet California's current net deficit of 2.3 MAF, now reflected as groundwater overdraft." However, it does verify the figure you have used in the table. I was in error.

I am enclosing a copy of the Report for each of you. I believe that in reviewing the background and findings, you will note that the information Dr. Hagan provided in 1982 is still pertinent today with regard to water use by agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley.

Yours truly,

  
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